# STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

#### DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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#### LARGE MINING OPERATIONS 2014 PROGRESS REPORT

#### January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

The information required in this form are based on provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Title 40-8, and the rules as under the Utah Minerals Regulatory Program.

- 1. Mine Permit Number: *M/035/0015*
- 2. Mine Name: North (Tailing) Impoundment
- 3. Name of Operator/Permittee: Kennecott Utah Copper LLC (KUC)

Note: If Operator's address, company representative or phone number have changed, please provide a replacement page for the Notice of Intention.

4. Mine Location:

S1/2 S1/2, Section 31, Township 1N, Range 2W;

S1/2 SW1/4, Section 32, Township 1N, Range 2 W;

S1/2 S1/2, Section 35, Township 1N, Range 3 W;

S1/2 S1/2, Section 36, Township 1N, Range 3 W;

SW1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 4, Township 1S, Range 2W;

Section 5 and 6, Township 1S, Range 2W;

N1/2 N1/2, Section 7, Township 1S, Range 2W;

N1/2 N1/2, Section 8 Township 1S, Range 2W;

Eastern Border Section 8, Township 1S, Range 2W;

W1/2 W1/2, Section 9, Township 1S, Range 2W;

E 1/2, Section 17, Township 1S, Range 2W;

Section 1, 2 and 10, Township 1S, Range 3W;

E1/2, Section 3, Township 1S, Range 3W;

N1/2 and SW1/4, Section 11, Township 1S, Range 3W;

N1/2 NE 1/4. Section 12, Township 1S, Range 3W;

N1/2 Section 15, Township 1S, Range 3W;

5. Report the gross amount of ore mined and waste moved, and the disposition of the materials (onsite stockpiles, sold, waste pile, regraded, etc.):

Gross Ore Mined 0 Tons
Waste Material Moved 45,043,029 Tons Tailings
New Disturbance 0 Acres during 2014
Area Reclaimed 33.9 Acres during 2014

Total Disturbed Area 2979 Acres\*

<sup>\*</sup>Total mine disturbance from the beginning of mining operations through the end of 2014

Was the ore shipped off site? If not, where is the ore located?

No ore was generated or shipped off site

Where is the waste located?

A total of 45,043,029 short tons of tailings were deposited in the North Impoundment in 2014. This comprised 44,271,546 tons from the Copperton Concentrator, 689,221 tons of tailings from the smelter slag mill, 57,449 tons of tailings from the smelter hydrometallurgical plant and 24,813 tons of coal ash from Kennecott's Utah power plant (UPP). Active tailings disposal continued on the North Impoundment through 2014. Similar to years prior, between March and November, tailings were cycloned and coarser underflow was used to construct the North Embankment, while the finer overflow was placed within the Impoundment Interior. Throughout January, February and December, whole (non-cycloned) tailings were deposited into the interior.

No additional acreage was disturbed in 2014. Tailings deposition continued within the existing disturbed footprint. The North Impoundment disturbed area, bounded by the perimeter road constructed in 1999 and the base of the South (Magna) Impoundment, remains within the permitted area of 3,334 acres allocated for the North Impoundment. The North Impoundment surface area will increase slightly over time as the North Impoundment height is progressively increased up the embankment slope of the existing South Impoundment.

6. Briefly describe the reclamation work performed during the past year. A map showing reclaimed areas and dates is suggested. (Submit form MR-SITE for an application for full or partial bond/site release).

During 2014, 35 acres of soil was placed on the north slope of the North Impoundment. Of this soil placed, 33.9 acres were covered for erosion control with Flex Terra and seed was added. Secondary fertilizer was placed on 110 acres of reclamation that was seeded from 1 to 3 years ago. Biosolids were placed on approximately thirty acres at the East Abutment of the North Impoundment. Seeding is planned for the spring of 2015.

7. Include an updated map depicting surface disturbance and reclamation performed during the year, prepared in accordance with Rule R647-4-105.

See attached Figure "North Tailings Impoundment 2014 Reclamation" for a depiction of reclamation work completed in 2014.

I hereby certify, under penalties of law, the information provided in this report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name (Typed or Print): Steve Schnoor

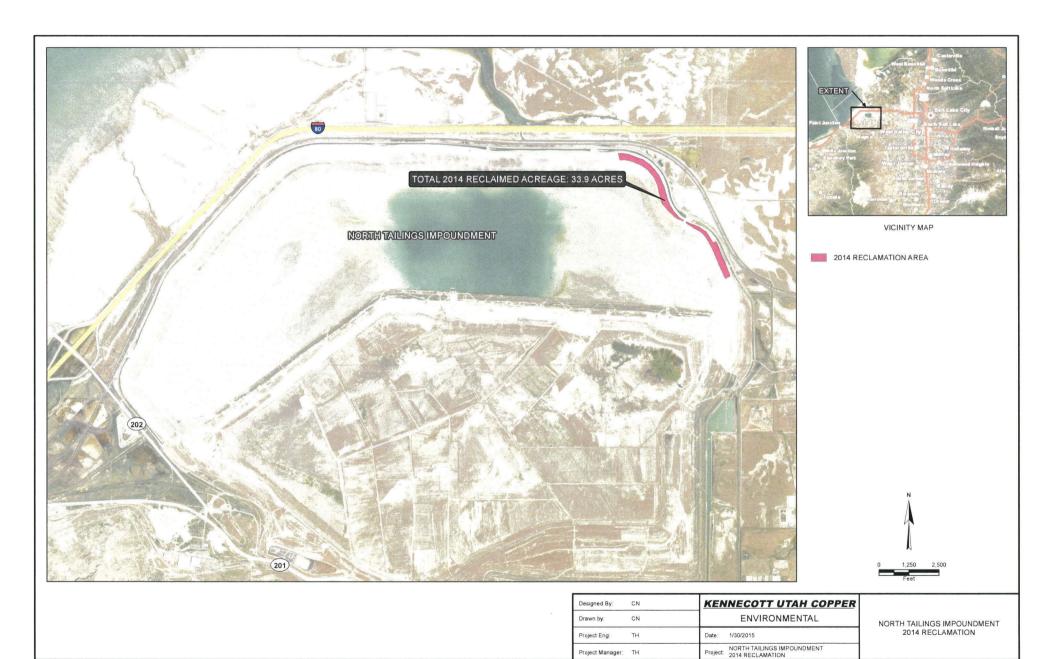
Title of Operator: Director - Land, Water, and Energy

Signature of Operator: The For Steve Schnoor

Date: January 30, 2014

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Steve Schnoor Director – Land, Water, and Energy

30 January 2014

Mr. Paul Baker, Minerals Program Manager Division of Oil, Gas & Mining Utah Department of Natural Resources 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Attn:

Ms. Leslie Heppler

Subject:

Large Mining Operations 2014 Annual Report

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

M/035/0015

North Tailing Impoundment

Dear Mr. Baker:

Please find attached Form MR-AR for permit number M/035/0015, North Tailings Impoundment.

No changes to drawings on file with M/035/0015 were realized during 2014. Also, please find the KUC document UDOGM Annual Reporting Register through Q4 2014.

KUC is also providing updated information regarding mining activities performed in 2014 (Attachment A) not specifically addressed on Form MR-AR for M/035/0015.

If you have any questions about these annual reports, please contact Thiess Lindsay at 801.569.6066.

Sincerely,

Steve Schnoor

Director - Land, Water, and Energy

C: Dana Dean (UDOGM)

#### **Attachment A**

#### Title:

Update of Mining Activities Related to North Tailings Impoundment M/035/0015

## Context:

The division has been briefed in various capacities throughout the year regarding new and/or continued mining activities related to the North Tailing Impoundment operation.

## Purpose:

The intent of this update is to provide the division with a brief summary of mining related activities completed or ongoing throughout the year.

# Summary of Activities (not covered under Form MR-AR):

- Tailings Expansion Project
  - o Plans to revise M-035-0015 for the Tailing Expansion Project (TEP) are currently on hold.